

# IT'S NOT YOU. CLAW MACHINES ARE RIGGED.



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This video from Vox by Phil Edwards explains the history of 'Claw' or 'Crane' games and why they are made so that you will probably never win.

<https://tinyurl.com/y9zflx9j>

## “ WARM UP ”

Have you ever won anything? What did you win and how did you win it?

Do you like to play games? What games are you good at?

Do you have good hand, eye co-ordination?

What stuffed animals and toys do you, did you, have?

## “ WATCH AND LISTEN ”

1. What stuffed animals has the narrator won from claw machines?

2. In the 1950s in America why were claw machines not allowed to moved between states?

3. What happened to claw machines in the 1970s?

# “ VOCABULARY ”

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1. Most of the restaurants are in this \_\_\_\_\_ of town.
2. Fresh garlic is a key \_\_\_\_\_ of this dish.
3. His \_\_\_\_\_ of what happened was quite different from hers.
4. They feel there should be a stronger \_\_\_\_\_ on science in the elementary school curriculum.
5. Fire department \_\_\_\_\_ require public buildings to be equipped with sprinklers.
6. Are you pleased with the \_\_\_\_\_ of your decision?
7. The child finally \_\_\_\_\_ his hold on his mother's hand.
8. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the data took several hours.
9. He fell into \_\_\_\_\_ after his wife died.
10. New York State law \_\_\_\_\_ operating a vehicle without shoes.
11. I hope they have a piano within the \_\_\_\_\_ of what I can afford to pay.
12. The heater is equipped with an \_\_\_\_\_ shutoff.

# “ DISCUSSION ”

What do you think of 'pay to play' games like those you see in arcades and smart phones?

What do you think of gambling in general? Do you think claw machines are gambling?



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